

Hebrews 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Analysis

'Captain' (Greek 'archegos') means pioneer, founder, or champion—one who blazes the trail others follow. God's sovereign purpose ('it became him') determined that Christ's perfection would come through suffering. 'Perfect' (Greek 'teleioo') means complete or qualified, not morally improved. Christ's sufferings qualified Him as the sympathetic High Priest who brings many sons to glory.

Historical Context

The concept of a suffering Messiah contradicted Jewish expectations of a conquering king. The author shows how Christ's sufferings were necessary to accomplish God's redemptive plan and enable Him to sympathize with His people.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does understanding Christ as your Pioneer encourage you in present suffering?
2. In what ways does God use suffering to perfect or complete His purposes in your life?

Interlinear Text

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οὐ τὰ πάντα πολλοὺς υἱοὺς εἰς δόξαν ἀγαγόντα
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Additional Cross-References

Romans 11:36 (Glory): For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Hebrews 12:2 (Parallel theme): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 6:20 (Parallel theme): Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Acts 5:31 (Salvation): Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Luke 24:46 (Parallel theme): And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luke 24:26 (Glory): Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

1 Peter 5:10 (Glory): But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

Hebrews 7:28 (Parallel theme): For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Ephesians 3:10 (Parallel theme): To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

1 Corinthians 8:6 (Parallel theme): But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.